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Our state and district meetings are either just over or about to start, and many of us have been involved in preparing for them in some way. For some of us it has been personal participation through the preparing and presenting of clinics. Others have had committee or officer's reports to prepare and present. In still other cases it has been the work of helping our Doctors carry through with one or more of these activities. In any event, surely we have all profited by the experience, and I hope a number of you were privileged to attend your own state meetings.

I have been fortunate to be able to attend several state meetings, and may I say they were all outstanding. I have many yet to attend including what I know will be a glorious meeting and trip to Hawaii.

Perhaps some of you are in the process of planning your vacations. May I urge those of you who can, to postpone all or part of it until November 10-13 to attend our 34th annual session of the American Dental Assistants Association in Dallas, Texas. While a majority of us look forward to our vacations with dreams of a restful one, it often turns out that they are extremely active days. Good authorities agree that a change is as good as a rest but why not have both! Why not plan now to attend the annual session in Dallas for an ACTION packed educational and social program? Then, you might take a relaxing side trip to one of the many resort places in Texas, or surrounding areas, before returning home. You will be glad you decided to spend your vacation in this manner.

I am extremely happy to report that our ACTION to secure more members for our association has been most successful, so far this year. We extend our thanks to all members, and especially to our central office staff and membership committee chairman who have stimulated and directed this effort, for this healthy growth in our association. We have more than doubled the number of student members we had on our rolls last year. Our general membership is up 20 percent over last year's figure.

Let us make this ACTION perpetual.

MAGDALENE KULSTAD, *President*

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Every member of ADAA should be proud to have a part in our nationwide membership campaign. Have you made an effort to secure one new member—or see that a former member renews her membership?

IF WE EVER NEEDED "ACTION"—NOW IS THE TIME

EACH ONE—REACH ONE!

Editorial

The Role of the Future Dental Assistant

By MYRA J. PETRIE, *Contributing Editor*

The long struggle of the medical nurse from Florence Nightingale to her present position as an important member of the medical team has provided an inspiration to many young girls who, early in their high school years, indicate quite proudly their intention of studying nursing. The role of the nurse in the hospital and in the medical office is well worth appraising since it is a position that came from sheer determination of study and devotion. Comparisons may often be overdone, and to some considered trite, but in considering the role of the dental assistant in relation to another member of the sister profession, much knowledge and useful information may be obtained.

I would like to foresee in the future opportunities for young girls to undertake a career of dental assisting under the academic auspices of colleges of dentistry. Such programs would create an atmosphere of learning most conducive in this formative educational period of the young dental assistant to be and would acquaint her with the basic preparations, studies, and academic hardships that necessarily incumber the dental student. It would give her the opportunity of experiencing dental clinical procedures at a time when her assistance would be mutually beneficial in our dental hospitals and would provide her with a professional background of the highest level.

Such a role for the future dental assistant is more than a dream since, at the present time, various colleges of dentistry throughout the United States and in interested departments of the Public Health Service are already exploring just such educational possibilities. The time is not remote when the training courses of dental assisting will include studies of basic science at the first year college level as well as correlated dental pre-clinical and pre-technical courses taught under the disciplines of colleges of dentistry. It is feasible to include clinical clerkships.

It behooves the American Dental Assistant Association to continue the progress they have made these past thirty-five years and to further enlist the aid of the American Dental Association in promoting such educational programs. The estimated population increases of the near future will make unprecedented demands on the dental profession and the important contribution in meeting these demands must be made by the help the dental assistant can give to her doctor.

The American Dental Assistants Association is to be commended for the educational progress it has made in upholding the high standards for their membership and for providing courses of study preparatory for certification that has attracted favorable attention to the Association from all concerned. Future educational needs for the dental assistant, however, must be progressed and expanded, and it will be important for our membership to lend all the cooperation necessary to those of the dental profession entrusted with dental education to include the dental assistant in their sphere of educational responsibilities.

Use of Radiation's Safety Traits Should Stand Up Against Public Indecision

By JEAN MARIE WEHLE

The relentless tide of human events and scientific progress has engulfed the dental profession into a flood of problems related to the use of radiation in dental practice. Such answers as we have for these problems are widely scattered in textbooks, individual articles, periodicals, and special publications. Thus, this article is to restate on a condensed basis the material the profession can use to offset the undercurrent against radiations.

In discussing several precautionary measures of safety in radiation's defense, I have chosen Charles F. Behren, M.D., Eugene P. Conkrite, M.D., James A. English, D.D.S., M.S. and Muller (Geneticist) as references.

An earnest effort has been made to discover the safety limits of radiation. It is now known that a patient may receive five hundred roentgens per setting and the doctor or nurse who acts as the X-ray operator may receive 0.300 roentgens per week without doing any harm.

Today no operator needs to be in the dark as to the amount of exposure he is receiving for we have many commercial firms which put out a Dental Film Packet Service. This service consists of a dental film enclosed in a plastic holder which when pinned to the operator's uniform records the rays to which he is exposed. By developing this film the operator has a day to day record of his roentgen intake. Another proven method of measuring roentgen intake also involves the film packet. The packet is paper clipped to the uniform pocket or lapel and, if after a few days' work the film shows the image of the clip, the operator is receiving

too much radiation. An important step to this testing method is to make sure the tube side of the packet is facing outward from the operator's pocket and is carried on the uniform at all times in this position during the working hours.

Another wise step in the safety direction is to have a blood count taken every six months for we know that radiation can lower the white cell count and eventually induce the red cells to follow suit.

Eugene P. Conkrite, M.D. (Hematologist)
White Blood Count 12,000—4,000
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If an operator is receiving too much radiation or the blood count is changing due to radiation, the following safety measures should be considered:

1. A periodical check of the equipment for leakage of radiation (this can be checked by a dosimeter).
2. The use of proper cones and filters which are provided with the equipment.
3. When the amount of roentgenography is more than that used in an average practice, a lead lined shield should be provided.
4. Never follow a technique which will require the operator to be directly exposed to the rays.
5. The operator should stand at a distance of two and one-half feet from the center of the field of radiation.
6. An operator under no conditions holds a film during the time an exposure is being made. Only those persons who

are not habitually exposed to X-ray radiation are eligible to hold a film during the time of an exposure.

7. It is best to use film blocks or holders in making exposures for it is not only more sanitary but it eliminates the risk of having the patient's fingers exposed to the rays.

The suggestions listed above should help reduce harmful exposure to the operator and patient.

Now, by making wise use of the safety tips summed up in this article, I challenge you to show the public the important progress of radiation in our expeditious scientific world.

Why Associate Membership?

By BILLIE ROGERS JOHNSON, Burbank, Calif.

Many times I have been asked why I continue to attend dental assistant meetings and take so much interest in them when it has been so long since I worked in a dental office. At first this seemed a very strange question which I found difficult to answer since it had never occurred to me not to retain my associate membership. It seemed like saying, "Why do you cook your husband's favorite dish for dinner?"

When I began looking for a tangible reason to put in writing I started asking myself why I really did remain an associate member, year after year. It's not because of boredom, it's not because of too much time on my hands. With gardening, sewing, cooking, homemaking, a husband to keep happy and a few outside interests, I sometimes get so involved I feel like yelling, "Stop the world and let me off." (With apologies to the song). As a social outlet, it's not a necessity, but a joy.

It must be my love for dental assistants and my interest in their progress, as well as a desire to keep abreast of what's new in dentistry.

In thinking this over I got out an old scrapbook which contains many treasured little gems. One section is devoted to the activities of dental assistants, going back to the beginning of Los Angeles Dental Assistants Association. We were then known as Southern California, being the only group in the southern part of the

state. Later we were to change our name to Los Angeles as more component societies were organized. Many happy memories came flooding back as I thumbed through this record of things I shall not forget. Programs of special meetings, parties, conventions, showers, weddings, babies and newspaper clippings. Reminders of the wonderful work done by dental assistants and of much time given by our fine doctors. There's a few notes of sadness, such as illness and death since this, too, is a part of life.

Perhaps my reasons for remaining as active, as is possible for an inactive member, must go back to my days of active dental assisting. Because of the varied knowledge required, it is such a satisfying career in so many ways that it can never become dull. In fact I can think of no better training for future homemakers. Keeping a neat, clean office becomes second nature. You learn the importance of economy, of tact and fair play, the desire to serve, loyalty, co-operativeness and so much more. A sense of humor becomes as necessary as good grooming. Since dental assistants have come to be known as the Dentist's Diplomat, it is logical reasoning that she will be the type of person you will enjoy knowing outside her office. My doctor always called dental assistants a most puchritudinous group.

Many girls I came to know in our first

days of the Los Angeles association, are still among my closest, most cherished friends. Beautiful friendships mellowed by time but ever new. Working, learning, laughing and playing together creates a warm, secure feeling that all's well with the world. Since friendship must be kept in constant repair it is up to each of us to find time to help another, to extend sympathy and understanding, so that while receiving, we give and grow.

It was my good fortune to work in a very happy office, where a certain amount of professional atmosphere was not permitted to make it stiff or unfriendly. We were all concerned with the welfare of the other and the doctor always had a little time to reveal his spirit of every day kindness and personal interest in his patients. I looked forward to going to work each morning as much as to going home at night. I once told my boss this and he was so pleased, saying he considered it the nicest compliment he had ever received. So you see girls, they like their ego fed a little too, just as we do.

Many of the patients then, are still my friends now. The young ones have grown up and have their own families and it has been such fun keeping track of them. These things do not happen in many types of work.

Looking back to the beginning of my dental assistant career, I am amazed at the patience and understanding of the doctor and the patients. Thinking of my inefficiency, the many mistakes, and the inconvenience caused by them, it is surprising that I was allowed to remain a dental assistant, with the choice of becoming an associate member. Just proves again that the other fellow is, more often than not, kind and thoughtful, and tolerant of our short comings.

Being a dental assistant afforded me the pleasure of knowing personally, and having as a guest in my home after I was married, our Grand Lady of charm, who

was so tiny physically, that she was endearingly called "Peanut," and so big spiritually, that all who knew her profited therefrom. She was our beloved founder, Juliette A. Southard.

When Fourth District Dental Assistants Association was formed, it included Burbank, where I live, so I became an associate member. I thought there must be something I could do to help a new association so I continued to decorate tables for meetings and special affairs, as I had done for many years. Quite often I can do things requiring daytime hours when the active members are at work in their offices. I have enjoyed many new friendships here too and of course many of our members are formerly of the Los Angeles association.

Since my favorite people are dental assistants, I do not choose to sit in a corner and watch then enjoying that close relationship which is so natural to them. I want to share it. I want to claim as friends, those who know that the ultimate success or failure of a friendship, just as a business or career, depends on how much we put into it. That's how much we take away.

So in reviewing the nice things which have come my way through years of association with dental assistants, I consider it a privilege if now and then, it comes within my power to render some service to show my appreciation. It may be small, it may not be done very well, but I believe if you do your best **SOME-BODY** might like it. I shall continue to plant nice thought seeds for dental assistants in my garden.

I would not change my title of **HOME-MAKER** for any other but I feel that my years of dental assistant activity have made me a more efficient one. So if another day another year you should ask me, "Are you still an associate dental assistant," I should surely answer, "Of course. So long as they can use me."

Streamlined Patient Relations

By VIVIAN ESSLINGER, Berkley, Calif.

Dentistry for most patients is, at best, a cold, unpleasant experience. Until recent years, no attempt was made to offer anything to the patient except operating skill. As progress was made, more and more was seen the need for improving patient relations. Until now, we feel that a vital part of every efficient office is the feeling of warmth and friendliness that can be as important and effective as the most expensive piece of equipment or delicate instrument.

Patients, on entering a dental office, are for the most part apprehensive, fearful, reluctant to say the least—generally, just plain scared. One of the best ways of lessening or eliminating these emotions is thru a spirit of friendliness and personal interest in each and every patient. And the best way this can be done is thru the channel of making a study of each person, not as a patient, but as a potential friend. However, before you start on this procedure, take a little time to analyze yourself.

Personality development is a neglected factor. Develop artistic, mechanical and verbal talents, for remember that within your hands lie the success or failure of your office. Statistics prove that 85% of the success of any venture is due to personality. Only 15% goes to skill and knowledge. Many factors can be considered but of prime concern is the need to always be developing your mental attitude—vitality, poise, fluency and interest in conversation are so important. And no index to character is so sure as one's voice. How often one is irresistibly drawn to a plain, unassuming person by a voice that makes them positively attractive. Holmes said, "In the sanctuary of the home, it is the low voice that

soothes the fretful child and cheers the weary husband".

Have sufficient knowledge of psychological reactions and habits of people to acquire the techniques of pleasing them and influencing their behavior and their decisions. Besides the quality of voice, remember as you approach the patient you are under close observation. What do they see when they look at you? Daintiness? That means to be refined and attractive in appearance; it signifies a delicate taste in personal hygiene practice and it means to be convincingly feminine. That is an unfailing attribute of a consistently charming woman and is a highly desirable and easily attainable characteristic of the feminine personnel of the dental office. And your personal attitude should show contentment as well as competency. Acquire and keep that "Touch of Life" by understanding your patients as emotional human beings.

After making this brief survey of yourself, begin your project of making it a simple process of success by having as much knowledge as possible concerning your patients at your finger-tips at all times. This may sound like a complicated and time-consuming project, and to a busy office, time is of the essence, but actually, it can be set up where it fits into your everyday scheme without being a burden.

Naturally, you're not going to write a biography of each of your patients personal lives. But a few pertinent facts gotten on the initial visit can become a framework for a most interesting and valuable reference file. As the first information is being obtained, have a card that will fit into a separate filing system. This can be even less than post card size.

Write, along with their name and address, not only their place of employment, but the specific type of work they do. You should know the name of their physician and by all means, obtain the name of the person referring them. These specific facts are usually on their dental chart also.

But our little card keeps accumulating a wealth of facts that the patient doesn't realize is being recorded. Ninety percent of the time, our routine questions lead to choice bits of information. Just asking the name of their Doctor often gives you a clue to their medical background and general health picture. Knowing the type of work they do gives you a key to their educational background. A single question, "Have you lived here long?" usually gives you some interesting facts concerning their environment background.

As your Doctor is talking with the patient, any little point of interest you may hear such as hobbies and special interests can be noted. Patients are always talkative about their children. Their ages and names are important. Mutual friends are often discovered thru referrals. That in itself is an excellent common-ground.

It is not enough to have a wealth of information unless it is put to work for you. These cards are kept as complete as possible and are filed separately from the patient's chart. They should be pulled daily, and be seen by the Doctor before he receives each patient. Mrs. Smith, who hasn't been in for a year, will be pleased that he remembered her bout with arthritis—or that he remembered her daughter's name and some interesting fact about which he could inquire. The patient immediately feels important, and better still, remembered.

We all send thank-you notes for our referrals, but with a little notation on our card, we can remember to mention it also. And you will be surprised how pleased a person will be when, on the completion of his dentistry, he receives

a note from you such as this:

Dear Mrs. Smith:

One of the most gratifying accomplishments of any dentist is the satisfactory completion of a dental program such as I have just taken care of for you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your consistent cooperation along the way and to say that is but one of many reasons why it is a pleasure to serve you.

This note is not sent with your statement, but on the Doctor's personal stationery with his own signature.

An acknowledgement of wedding and birth announcements should always be made, but these dates should be jotted down on your little card, for they are most important and frequently they will coincide with a dental appointment with you. There again, the patient will be amazed that you remembered the "big day".

Children present a little different problem. But it's surprising how they will react to your having remembered the name of their dog or their rank in Scouting.

Concentrated effort to make the patient the most important person in the office has very obvious results. Reduced apprehension makes dentistry far less a problem for the patient. Consequently, he's more cooperative in the chair. This greatly enables the Doctor to do better dentistry, faster. With the tension reduced, a much happier working environment exists. Mentally, the entire staff profits by it. Financially, you are ahead, too. When complete estimates are given and specific arrangements made, collections are kept at an optimum high because your friendliness has built confidence and has inspired a sense of obligation.

And you are personally far ahead in the game from the personal satisfaction derived from making new and often lasting friends.

The Plus Benefits of Dental Assisting

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In speaking of the Plus Benefits of Dental Assisting it first becomes necessary to discuss the known or normal benefits so as to establish a basis from which to evaluate the plus benefits of which I shall speak to you.

Before doing this, however, I want you to know that mine will not be an attempt to "sell" you on your job, to convince you there is no other type of work that would be better, to show you how happy you should be in Dental Assisting or to show you how well off you are in your present position. Instead, I'll show you how to look for and obtain certain benefits over and above the material rewards of Dental Assisting and how to apply these same principles to your everyday living to give you a richer, more rewarding, more exciting life both in and out of the office.

First, therefore, let me review the known benefits of Dental Assisting. Some of you may have them all and perhaps more; some may not be as fortunate.

Lets start with working conditions—they vary but as a rule are excellent. Most offices are modern, well furnished, well lighted, clean and are in nice locations. The position you occupy is a necessary one. Personally, I would rather attempt to practice Dentistry with one hand tied behind my back than without the help of my assistant. It is more than just a semi-professional job and is also a highly respected one.

The salary you receive is adequate and should be commensurate to your training skill, ability, interest in your work, tact, cheerfulness and years of experience. I firmly believe no dentist should keep in his employ an assistant who is not worth a good salary. If you are not now receiving what you consider an adequate salary,

honestly evaluate your qualifications then either ask for a raise, improve them, or leave gracefully.

Employer, employee relationships are close, allowing for a shared feeling of accomplishment in the rehabilitation of defective mouths. This gives a greater sense of satisfaction in fulfilling your duties and promotes happiness in your work.

Vacations are generally longer and also more frequent, especially in a busy office employing two or more assistants. More and more, Dentists are realizing that to avoid joining the "Coronary Club" more time must be taken for relaxation. By the use of a Telephone Answering Service or allowing the assistants to divide the extra vacation days, a greater number of days off will be had than would be given in most other forms of employment.

Dental Meetings also mean more time away from regular office routine. Dental care of your own mouth is generally given gratis or at reduced fees. The very fact of seeing so many dental defects will stimulate interest in the proper care of your own mouth resulting in better and more carefree dental health the rest of your life.

Year end bonuses or extra gifts are also received by you in many offices. These are most of the known benefits of Dental Assisting.

Now then, what about the plus benefits? What are they? How do you get them? Plus benefits in Dental Assisting means receiving more than just remuneration for your work and you get them by simply looking for them, by keeping your eyes open, by observation, by study, comparison, contrast, appreciation and compassion.

To illustrate; suppose we start with a

simple two surface amalgam such as is commonly placed routinely day after day in most dental offices. In the first place, is it really "simple"? Why was the cavity preparation made in just that way? Why was extension made buccally, lingually and gingivally? Why was the wall of the cavity cut in a certain angle to the tooth surface? What determined the occlusal width and the pulpal floor depth? Have you ever stopped to think of the thousands of hours of detailed study of the morphology, histology, physiology, pathology and dental anatomy necessary before that cavity preparation could be so designed; that your Dentist has at his fingertips the cumulative detailed skills of several hundred years of dental knowledge? What about the amalgam itself? We call it a balanced "silver" amalgam. Is it really silver? Why does it contain about 25% tin, 3% zinc and 2% copper?

How many thousands of hours had to be spent in research and hundreds of articles written on amalgam, its composition and its proper handling? Think of the metallurgical research and experiment necessary before tin was found to expand when made into an amalgam and then to find the exact amount needed to counteract the severe shrinkage of the pure silver amalgam, how the alloy was strengthened by the use of copper and then how zinc was added to help prevent oxidation. Modern metallurgists still are not satisfied and are now producing stronger, more tarnish free, zincless alloys by ultra modern metallurgy. What about the matrix used, its shape, the retainer used to hold it in place, the separator that helps your dentist re-establish a tight contact? How about the study in design and engineering principles before these were made available to the profession?

Now, may I ask you again, how "simple" do you consider an amalgam to be?

Let's talk about novocaine for a moment. It was discovered in 1905, only fifty one years ago, yet today there is hardly a Dentist anywhere that doesn't have it available and use it routinely. Is

it just a "shot" the Dentist gives? Do you know that at one time, not so many years ago, the novocaine solution had to be made fresh in the office daily out of carefully measured ingredients, that the modern carpule of novocaine contains other drugs to preserve it, to retain it in the area injected so as to increase its length of action, to minimize shock or injury to the patient? Have you stopped to think of the very detailed knowledge of Head and Neck Anatomy your Dentist must possess before he can insert the needle in exactly the right place to achieve the desired results? The next time you pick up a carpule think of the tremendous amount of chemical, physiological, bacteriological and manufacturing research necessary to enable you to hand your Dentist a prepared syringe within seconds after he asks for it.

Now let's discuss for a little while the most common objects in our offices, the only one without which Dentistry could not be practiced, THE PATIENT. In too many offices when the Dentist asks "who is next" of his assistant he may receive a reply such as "a left lower wisdom tooth to remove" or "an M.O. on right upper six" On what? A Cadaver? Will that assistant receive any plus benefits from handling that patient? Or more important perhaps, will the patient receive any plus benefits from the office visit? Patients have likes and dislikes, fears and apprehensions, families, businesses, hobbies, perhaps mutual friends, they travel, vacation, go to operas, shows, restaurants, read, become engaged, change jobs, marry, make plans for the future. In other words patients are human and should give you plus benefits each time they visit the office.

You should observe very carefully their manner of dress, note casual remarks, observe whether they are relaxed or tense, in pain, apprehensive, frightened, suspicious or even resentful. Whatever you see or feel, cultivate or allay it with compliments, complimentary questions, simple explanations, cheerfulness, com-

passion and an air of complete competence and confidence. This understanding of your patients will give them greater confidence in you and your office, will elicit confidences, interesting information about their families, businesses, travels, likes and dislikes, their hopes, ambitions and aspirations. These people will broaden your background, enrich your life, stimulate your thinking, educate you, inspire you and if you know the true meaning of compassion perhaps even bring a tear to your heart—never your eye.

In concluding my few words I hope I've been able to show you that in Dental Assisting, as in life itself, nothing is commonplace to the person who wishes a richer, happier and more complete life. Look beyond the immediate object or job to be done, or persons involved; look for plus benefits in your job and in life itself. You'll be richly rewarded.

*Presented at a meeting of the
San Francisco, Calif. Dental
Assistants Society.*

EACH ONE — REACH ONE!

The Breath of Life*

Men had no idea what oxygen was good for until an English theologian noticed that it made a mouse dance.

In 1774 the Englishman, Joseph Priestley, succeeded in isolating a gas found in the air that had long puzzled scientists. It was odorless, tasteless and invisible, but had the power to make a candle burn more brightly. And when Priestley, curious to see the effect of his discovery on living creatures, introduced some into a chamber containing a mouse—the mouse's interest in life increased considerably. It scurried about with rodent joy and squeaked pleasantly.

Priestley wasn't sure what he had discovered, but he published his findings. Three years later a French chemist, Antoine Lavoisier, took it from there—and gave the vital substance a name.

He called it oxygen ("acid producer") because he thought it was an essential ingredient in acids. He also discovered—and explained—its importance to life.

Men have been known to do without food for 60 days and it's possible to survive without water or other liquids for a week, but no human being can live longer than a few minutes without oxygen. If your supply were cut off for just 3 minutes, you would faint. It is indeed, the very *breath* of life.



A mask is one of the means by which oxygen is delivered to a patient suffering from a lack of oxygen.

A person needs a continuous and adequate supply of oxygen because all of him—his muscles, skin, brain—must be continuously fed oxygen in order to function.

Every time he breathes oxygen into the lungs, the blood picks it up and unloads carbon dioxide. The freshly oxygenated blood is carried by the arteries to all parts of the body to help keep it alive and well. The blood is then returned to the heart so it can be pumped back into the lungs for more oxygen. As long as enough oxygen comes into the lungs, and the machinery continues to work, an adequate supply of oxygen is delivered to the tissues and organs where it is needed.

Fortunately, this "breath of life" exists in enormous amounts—the air we breathe contains about 21 per cent oxygen and the supply is limitless.

However, certain illnesses can interfere with the body's ability to obtain its oxygen supply from the air or to transport it to the tissues—lung infections or certain types of heart disease, for example. In such instances the body must work harder to get sufficient oxygen: it breathes faster and the heart pumps frantically, trying to keep the blood supplied with oxygen.

When the body's demand for oxygen can no longer be met, it fails to function properly—actions become sluggish and uncertain, the senses grow dull and finally, unconsciousness ensues.

Doctors call this anoxia—a fancy Greek word for oxygen starvation. Jet pilots are most familiar with the sensation. Once they climb more than 10,000 feet, pilots require oxygen masks to compensate for the decreased amounts available two miles above the earth. Pure oxygen is always used to supply the body's needs by those flying at high altitudes.

But not only aviators use pure oxygen. Today thousands of infants' lives are being saved with it, for as the moment of birth draws close, a baby approaches a breathing crisis.

He outgrows the limited oxygen supply once sufficient to meet his needs. In the last days of pregnancy, in fact, the oxygen available to the baby is about the same as exists at a 33,000-foot altitude! If a jet pilot's apparatus failed at such a height, he would be dead in minutes. Yet the baby survives.

The secret of his survival is his possession of certain remarkable attributes, among which are a heart that may beat as fast as 200 times per minute (compared to an adult's 70 beats per minute) and different kind of blood—called "fetal" blood.

With barely enough oxygen to support life, he faces the most rigorous of human experiences; birth. Everything depends

on immediate breathing. To help the baby meet the stress of birth, oxygen is often administered to the mother before and during delivery to increase the amount of oxygen supplied to the infant through her blood stream. Modern medicine is using suction devices to clear air passages and tiny face masks lay ready to administer lifesaving oxygen to infants in peril. Almost 25,000 babies a year may be saved this way.

But this is only one part of the picture. Oxygen is saving adult lives, too. Should a lung be incapacitated by pneumonia... or a heart be functioning improperly—the introduction of additional oxygen saves the body from overwork: breathing becomes less rapid and the heart conveys greater amounts of oxygen with a slower beat because more is present in each unit of blood.

Oxygen can be given through a little tube inserted in the nose; it may be delivered from its cylinder to a mask; or a patient can be placed in an enclosed chamber into which pure oxygen is allowed to flow.

The most common type of enclosure used is an oxygen tent—a completely transparent, plastic canopy placed over the upper half of the patient's bed. Oxygen can be fed into it at a constant rate. One pleasant feature of an oxygen tent is that the atmosphere inside the canopy is kept cool by constant refrigeration; on a hot summer day it can be the most comfortable place in the hospital. And, because oxygen has no odor or taste, there is no discomfort in inhaling it. In fact, there is a definite feeling of relief—like breathing fresh air after having been in a hot, smoky room.

Every year, new thousands of men and women are being helped to speedy recovery from a score of illnesses, thanks to the "breath of life." The humble experiment that caused a mouse to dance two centuries ago is contributing greatly to the "dance of life," today.

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Peering into the A.D.A.A. Future

As we gaze into the "A. D. A. A. Crystal Ball," we see a great future. A future filled with a few obstacles, and many accomplishments.

Worthwhile goals are not attained without effort or foresight, and in retrospect we find that each year of our association's existence has provided a chapter of success in its history. We note also that each year's chapter seems to grow in magnitude. As we keep treading our way upward toward one goal, a new goal branches out. Our spirits rise, and our thoughts are directed to the formulation of plans that will enable us to reach ever onward and upward. Yes, our future is vast and bright, and we must prepare to meet it!

We, the members of the nominating committee, have been gazing into our own "crystal ball" and see that the success of our organization for the coming year lies in the hands of you—the membership. We must depend upon you to nominate the candidates for A. D. A. A. offices, who, if elected, will be expected to guide us onward to greater goals.

The Nominating Committee Brochure, "First Call to Action" and the official nominating form, has been received by all local and state groups. Please read this brochure carefully, then EVALUATE—SELECT—NOMINATE. Return the completed nominating form to the chairman, Ruth Asp, 2718 13th Ave. So.,

Minneapolis 7, Minnesota, NOT LATER than July 1, 1958.

It is the responsibility of the committee to study the qualifications of all nominees. Where more than two nominations for a given office are received, two, who in the opinion of the committee are best qualified, shall be placed on the slate. Not more than eight (8) names shall appear on the slate for the Certification Board. Please do not let this limitation discourage you from nominating candidates. Also, keep in mind that nominees for the Certification Board should be in attendance at the annual session.

The slate of candidates, and their qualifications, will be published in the pre-convention issue of *The Journal*. Nominations from the floor shall be called for, but written consent of the nominee must be obtained before the nomination is made.

Your ACTION today will be responsible for tomorrow's future. Help the A. D. A. A. prepare to meet the challenges the future will present.

The 1958 ADAA Nominating Committee:

RUTH ASP, *Chairman*
MARY F. DUTTON
MARGARET LEEDOM
RUTH C. JONES
JEAN SNYDER

In Memoriam

CLARA TIMBOROUS departed this life January 19, 1958. Clara began her career in dental assisting in 1923 in the office of Dr. Gordon Peck of Glen Falls, New York. She later moved to Akron, Ohio where she was associated with her brother, Dr. J. C. Timborous.

She was a member of the Akron, Ohio Dental Assistants Society from 1932 until the time of her death. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

JOY PHILLIPS,
ADAA General Secretary



A view of "Big D's" skyline.

The Keys to Dallas

It is customary to present the "Keys to the City" to all important personages who visit Dallas—and that has been done for our very important President, Magdalene Kulstad. However, there are so many of you planning to visit Dallas next November, and you are all so equally important, that it will be necessary for us to provide many keys to the City.

The first key we offer you is **TRANSPORTATION**, for you will be wanting to know how to get here. Dallas is strategically situated for both North-South and East-West traffic, by train, plane and bus, as well as by motor car. Direct train service from the north on the Rock Island Lines, from Chicago on the Sante Fe, from the east on the Pennsylvania and the New York Central with pullman cars attached to the Katy in St. Louis. The Airlines coming in to the brand new terminal are too numerous to list, but can be provided by your own travel service. If you are driving, the many expressways will bring you quickly to the heart of the city.

The second key we offer is **CLIMATE**, and fortunately November is an ideal month to visit Texas. It could be warm, it could be cool, and it could be even **COLD**. So the best advice we can give is to be prepared for all of this, but be sure you can take off your jacket if it

should happen to be **HOT**. It even rains since the drouth was broken by more than fifty inches of rainfall in 1957—so be prepared for that too. But we have the brightest sunshine when it does shine—and a popular saying in regard to Texas weather is, "If you don't like it—wait a minute."

There are so many keys that open up the charm of Dallas it is difficult to select the next in importance. One is **EDUCATION**, with Southern Methodist University known throughout the country as the team that beats Notre Dame when they least expect to and loses the Southwest Conference when they confidently expect to win. But there is more to education than a reputation at football. Dallas has many new schools but can't build them fast enough to keep pace with the growing need of young families flocking to the Southwest to seek fame and fortune. The new Dallas University was built in a field with no road to get to it, and in two short years was surrounded by homes and students seeking admission. Another facet of education of interest to this group is the fame of Dallas as a Medical Center, with Southwestern Medical School and Baylor Dental College located here.

Noted for **CULTURE**, Dallas has productions of the Metropolitan Opera Com-

pany, the Dallas Civic Music Series, Symphony Concerts, Dallas Opera Association, Ballet, Margo Jones Theatre, and a constant series of productions at the Fair Park Music Hall and the Municipal Auditorium. For entertainment there are Supper Clubs in the hotels and around the town with a variety to suit every taste. And speaking of TASTE, should bring to mind either food or fashion, and Dallas is famous for both. For food, only San Francisco and New Orleans rate more first class restaurants in the books of the gourmets who taste and tell in the classy magazines. The "Greeters" will be able to provide you with the names of these fancy eating places, and don't be afraid to try some of the Mexican Restaurants, close in and not expensive. Dallas women have a reputation for taste in dress and the shops to keep them supplied with the latest in style to maintain this reputation.

The Baker Hotel, our headquarters, is in the midst of the downtown shopping center, and you will have an opportunity to find out at first hand why the women of Dallas have such a varied selection of clothes and accessories.

The pride of every Dallasite is the new Municipal Auditorium where the exhibits and clinics will be held. It is just four blocks from the Baker Hotel and it is the biggest, the newest, the "purtiest" and the cleanest you have ever seen. Worth a trip to Dallas just to see it. (And that Ain't braggin').

These are just a few of the KEYS you can use to open up the fabulous city of BIG D. What you do after you get inside is up to you, but I'M bettin' that you will have the best time you ever had any where. And that IS braggin'.

STEVE ANN MONTGOMERY, *Chairman*
General Arrangements Committee

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 34TH ANNUAL ADAA SESSION

Notice is hereby given to all members that the Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the American Dental Assistants Association will be held in Dallas, Texas, November 10-13, 1958. Official headquarters, the Baker Hotel, Dallas. The Board of Trustees will meet Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. The General Meeting will be held Monday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. The first House of Delegates meeting will be held Monday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. As requested by the Executive Secretary all affiliated associations will file the names of their delegates and alternates to be included in the official list of Certified delegates and alternates to this session. Each member must present her 1958 Membership Card to register at the session.

MAGDALENE KULSTAD, *President*
JOY PHILLIPS, *General Secretary*

All delegates and alternates must present their Credential Cards, along with their Membership Cards, to the Registration Committee. Any Certified alternates substituting for Certified Delegates, and all changes for Certified delegates and alternates, must be accompanied by State President or District Trustee. Registration will be open on Saturday from 4-9 p.m., again on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each day of the session. Please register upon arrival. All delegates who are properly registered will be eligible to vote in the election of officers, trustees and active members of the ADA Certification Board. At all meetings it will be the responsibility of the chairman of the delegates of each State Association to see that the correct number of delegates are in attendance. The mileage book will be available at the Registration section—be prepared to give your round trip mileage to be counted in the Convention Attendance Award.

JOY PHILLIPS, *Chairman*
ADAA Registration Committee

application for housing accommodations

99th Annual Session, American Dental Association
November 10-13, 1958, Dallas, Texas

- Reservation requests for housing accommodations should be made by completing this application and mailing it to A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 1101 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas.
- Assignments to hotel will be made in order received.
- *Make your Reservation now!* . . . But if you are unable to attend cancel the reservation through the A.D.A. Housing Bureau so someone else may use your accommodations.
- Motels are listed for the benefit of those who wish to drive to Dallas.
- Scientific session and exhibits will be held in the new Dallas Memorial Auditorium. Association headquarters and meetings of the House of Delegates will be in the Statler Hilton Hotel.
- Indicate your arrival and departure time in Dallas on the application. Reservations will be held until 6 p.m. of the day of arrival unless special arrangements are made with the hotel.
- If rooms are not available in the hotels listed on the application, the A.D.A. Housing Bureau will make an assignment, whenever possible, to a hotel in the same area and for a room within the same price range.

A.D.A. HOUSING BUREAU • 1101 COMMERCE ST. DALLAS 2, TEXAS

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		A.D.A.	
APPLICANT			
Name _____			
STREET ADDRESS _____		CITY _____	ZONE _____ STATE _____
Arriving _____		a.m. p.m.	Leaving _____
ACCOMMODATIONS			
Hotel or Motel _____		Hotel or Motel _____	
FIRST CHOICE		THIRD CHOICE	
Hotel or Motel _____		Hotel or Motel _____	
SECOND CHOICE		FOURTH CHOICE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy, rate to range from \$_____ to \$_____ per day.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy, double bed, rate to range from \$_____ to \$_____ per day. }			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy, twin beds, rate to range from \$_____ to \$_____ per day. }			
<input type="checkbox"/> Suite of _____ rooms, including parlor, rate to range from \$_____ to \$_____ per day.			
Room will be occupied by: (2 names must be listed below)			
NAME _____		ADDRESS _____	
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NAME _____		ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____		STATE _____	



MAP OF DOWNTOWN DALLAS, TEXAS

HOTELS

HOTELS	SINGLE	DOUBLE	HOTELS	SINGLE	DOUBLE
1. *Adolphus	\$5.00-14.00	\$8.50-15.00	12. *Mayfair	5.00	6.00- 8.00
2. *Baker	5.00-11.00	7.00-14.00	13. Melrose	7.00-10.00	9.00-12.00
3. Cliff Towers	4.00- 5.50	5.50- 8.00	14. Miramar	4.50- 5.00	6.50- 8.50
4. Crest Park	6.00-12.00	8.00-15.00	15. *Southland	4.50- 8.50	5.50-13.50
5. *Dallas	5.00- 8.00	6.00-12.50	16. *Statler-Hilton	7.00-14.00	10.00-18.00
6. Highlander	9.00	12.00	Headquarters hotel—special application form required		
7. Lakewood	4.50- 5.50	6.00- 8.00	17. Stoneleigh		8.00-11.00
8. Lawn	4.50- 5.50	6.00- 8.00	18. *Travis	5.50- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
9. Lennox	5.00	7.00- 7.50	19. *White Plaza	5.00- 8.00	5.50-12.00
10. Loma Alto	4.50- 5.50	6.00- 7.00	20. *Whitmore	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00
11. Lynn	5.00- 6.00	6.50- 8.00	21. Wynnewood	4.00- 6.00	5.50- 7.00

*DENOTES DOWNTOWN HOTELS

MOTELS

THE FOLLOWING MOTELS HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT RESERVATIONS AT THEIR PREVAILING RATES.

Alamo Plaza Motel Court	U.S. 80 West (Business Rt.)	Last Frontier Motel	U.S. 80 West
Belmont Motor Hotel	U.S. 80 West (Business Rt.)	Oaks Manor	U.S. 75 South
Colonial Motor Lodge	State 183 N. W.	Palomino Motel	U.S. 80 West
Coronado Motel	U.S. 80 West (Business Rt.)	Paramount Courts	U.S. 80 West
Dallasite Motor Hotel	U.S. 75 North	Shangri-La Court	U.S. 80 West
Eastern Hills Motor Ct.	U.S. 67 East	Shamrock Motel	U.S. 67 & 80 East at Loop 12
El Sombrero Motor Ct.	U.S. 77 N.W.	Skyline Motel	U.S. 77 N.W.
4-Winds Motel	U.S. 77 N.W.	Texas Motel	U.S. 80 West
Lang Motel	State 78 N.E.	Town House	U.S. 77 N.W.
Lido Motel	U.S. 67 & 80 East	Tower Motel	U.S. 77 N.W.
		Valhalla of Dallas	U.S. 77 South
		Westerner Tourist Court	U.S. 77 South

TEXAS—Yesterday and Today

For the first of a series of thumbnail sketches we promised to bring you about Texas, your 1958 Convention host state, we chose a few facts about Texas history.

Texas has an inspiring and colorful history that dates back to the early 1500's. Spain was the first of six nations to claim this area of 267,339 square miles, which you know as Texas—one of the forty-eight states of the United States of America.

Six flags of sovereign powers flew over Texas for a period of time, and sovereignty over Texas shifted and re-shifted eight times during that period. The sequence of the six flags was as follows: Spain, 1519-1685; France, 1685-1690; Spain, 1690-1821; Mexico, 1821-1836; Republic of Texas, 1836-1845; United States, 1845-1861; the Southern Confederacy, 1861-1865; United States, 1865 to the present time.

For many years Texans and their children have learned their first lessons in history from the textbook, "Texas History," which is taught in its public schools. The pages of this, and other books about the history of Texas, are filled with accounts of courageous and brave deeds of the men and women who pioneered it. They tell of fierce battles between its earliest settlers and the Indians, and between Texans and the men of armies sent from other countries to claim this territory for their own. Of all the recordings of its history—the Texas of yesterday—perhaps the best known and remembered is the account of the Battle of the Alamo. Texans frequently tell with pride this story of the dauntless bravery and cool self-possession of a small band of men who engaged in this hopeless conflict, with an army that

out numbered them more than twenty to one, in a struggle for Texas' freedom from Mexican rule.

Originally, the building we refer to as the Texas Alamo was a part of a presidio, as the Spaniards called them, built on San Pedro Creek three quarters of a mile from the city of San Antonio, and was called San Antonio de Valero. Later a party of Franciscan Friars, sent by the Viceroy of Mexico to civilize and christianize the Indians, established a mission there. While the early history of the Alamo is shrouded in obscurity, it has been established that the present structure was erected about 1754. It is located on the east bank of the San Antonio River in downtown San Antonio, and stands as a monument to the small band of men who fought and died in the Battle of the Alamo for the freedom Texans have enjoyed since.

The exact number who fought and died there has never been ascertained, but it is recorded that on March 6, 1836 approximately 187 men were defending the fort, when 3,000 Mexicans, led by General Santa Anna, swarmed the fort and the fighting continued incessantly until the last man was dead (sic)*. This crushing defeat, this massacre, is considered by many the most decisive battle of Texas history, and the one that ultimately led to Texas' gaining her independence. Six weeks later, on April 21, an army of 783 men, (Texans, Tennesseans, Kentuckians and others) fighting under General Sam Houston, staged a surprise march on 1600 Mexicans encamped on the San Jacinto River (20 miles from the present site of Houston) and literally wiped them out. Mexican casualties; 630 killed, 280 wounded, 730

captured. Texas casualties; 2 killed, 23 wounded.* Upon being captured, General Santa Anna signed unconditional surrender terms giving Texas its independence from Mexico.

A magnificent monument 570 feet 4 inches high, stands today on the banks of the San Jacinto River serving as a constant reminder to Texans to be ever grateful for the freedom they enjoy, and to mark the place where this memorable event occurred on a bright Texas day in April in the year of 1836.

Why not plan your 1958 vacation to visit throughout the state of Texas following the annual session of the ADAA in Dallas, November 10-13. You will find many places and things of interest in your 1958 Convention state, and there are a number of intriguing resort spots within its borders.

We will be back with more FACTS and maybe some TALL TALES about Texas in subsequent issues of your journal.

*From The 1958 Texas Almanac.

YOUR \$15.00

By EDNA ZEDAKER, Member, ADA Certification Board.

When given the assignment to write an article on CERTIFICATION for publication in the DENTAL ASSISTANT, my first thought was that the membership seemed most anxious to know what the Certification Board is doing with "all that money", and what business they transact that requires so many long meetings. That is what I shall attempt to tell you in this article.

The American Dental Assistants Certification Board is entirely independent of the American Dental Assistants Association insofar as income is concerned. The board's income is derived from the examination fee paid by the applicants for examination, which is now \$15.00. It was raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00 in 1955. There is also a small amount derived from the sale of ADAA emblems worn on the caps of certified members. During 1957 about 600 applications for examination were received. This means the income for the year was approximately \$9,000.00. A lot of money? Perhaps, but not to operate an organization as important as your Certification Board.

During the last year two members of the board were sent to the Workshop for the Education and Certification of Dental Assistants, held in Chicago in October. There, plans were made that will affect your future and mine as dental assistants. Be sure to read the reports of this and other conferences, and the resource papers of the Workshop, which are printed in your journal—1957-1958 issues. Do you not think these important enough that we assume travel and hotel expenses for the two members who represented us?

The work involved in processing applications and examinations became so heavy, as time went on, that it was impossible for the members of the board to properly carry on with it (they are full time dental assistants just as you are). In 1952 a part time executive secretary was employed. She is now full time executive secretary to the board, and a very busy one. Her salary is paid from your \$15.00.

Card files are set up for every applicant for examination, and these cards are

kept as permanent records; always at the fingertips of the executive secretary. Also, each name added is kept in a permanent register. Engraved certificates, and two emblems (to be worn on caps), are mailed to every ADAA member who successfully passes the examination of certification. All printed matter, information bulletins, rules and regulation booklets, instruction sheets, etc., must be revised yearly and new and additional copies made. Hundreds of letters of inquiry are received at the office each year. The expense of the certificates, emblems, printed matter, card files, stationary and stamps must be borne by the income from your \$15.00 examination fee.

The Certification Board, upon the advice of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and other interested qualified persons, this year subscribed to a program of professionally prepared examinations. I believe those of you who take these examinations will approve of our decision to use a part of your \$15.00 for this purpose. The cost to the Certification Board for the examination of each ADAA member is in excess of \$7.50. So, you see, the largest part of the fee goes toward your personal benefit.

In 1953 we were advised that a reserve fund, in an amount to cover operating expenses for a period of two years, should be established. We have not been able to place in reserve the necessary amount as yet, and probably will not be able to for some years to come.

You also want to know what the members of the board do during an annual ADAA session. There is nothing secret about the operation of the Certification Board; only the contents of the examinations must be held in confidence.

There are many questions and recommendations from the various groups

brought to the board each year. Each is given careful and full consideration before taking action upon it. Your Certification Board wants to deal fairly with you as individuals, and at the same time it must consider what is best for the ADAA as a whole. All examination questions, written and practical, are carefully screened and considered before they are accepted. It is the board's responsibility to review all printed matter, such as; instruction sheets, information bulletins and form letters, annually. It requires time to study and discuss changes before revising and rewriting this material. To keep in step with the change of times it is necessary for policies to be changed and altered on occasions; this requires hours of discussion and consideration, and revision of rules and regulations.

There are ten active members on this board, and these members and the executive secretary spend many hours in session during a meeting. Doesn't it seem only fair that at least a part of their expenses to the meetings should be borne by the board whose income is derived from your \$15.00 examination fee? Those of you who have attended ADAA meetings have some idea of the expense one must incur to travel to convention city, and you also have some idea of the time the Certification Board Members spend in session. Believe me, they are not social functions, but hours of hard work. Work that is done in behalf of the certified members of the ADAA, and those who will be certified members in the future.

This is only a brief summary of what happens to your \$15.00 and how the board spends its time. I hope the information I have given you will lead to a better understanding between the ADA Certification Board and the members of the ADAA.

Federation Dentaire Internationale

Approximately 50 national dental associations throughout the world are joined together to form the Federation Dentaire Internationale. This is truly an international dental association and is the entree for the dental profession into the World Health Organization (W.H.O.). Certainly with all the fine work accomplished by W.H.O., dentistry must have a place in health education throughout the world. The dental representative now with W.H.O. is Dr. Carl Sebelius, Nashville, Tennessee.

Some of the national values of the Federation: President Eisenhower has asked all U.S. citizens to participate insofar as possible in the "People to People" program which is designed to foster friendly relations between the people of the United States and other nations. The House of Delegates of the American Dental Association has endorsed this program and has recommended that all dentists give it full support.

One means whereby A.D.A. members can actively support the "People to People" program is by enrolling as a supporting member of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, the international organization of the dental profession, it is pointed out by Dr. Obed H. Moen, Watertown, Wisconsin, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations.

The annual dues for membership in the F.D.I. are \$15. Applications for membership, together with a check for \$15, should be sent to Dr. Moen, 6 Main Street, Watertown, Wis. In addition to his post as a council chairman, Dr. Moen is also the U.S. treasurer for the F.D.I.

Personal benefits of supporting membership in the F.D.I. include: (1) a beautifully engrossed membership certificate, suitable for framing; (2) an annual pocket membership card; (3) an annual subscription to the International Dental Journal, a scientific publication issued quarterly; (4) an annual subscription to

the F.D.I. News Letter, a quarterly publication with news items of dentistry around the world. In addition, membership in the F.D.I. provides access to dental meetings in many parts of the world, including the annual sessions of the Federation and the quinquennial dental congresses.

Those planning to attend the annual meeting in Brussels, Belgium, August 27 to September 2, may contact Dr. C. W. Carrick, Oberlin Bank Building, Oberlin, Ohio, for travel and hotel reservations. Dr. Carrick is Travel Consultant for F.D.I. members in the United States.

From the A.D.A.A. Program Co-ordination Committee

With the rapid increase in membership, all component groups, particularly local societies, should aim toward improvement of the character of their meetings and programs in order to provide greater educational benefits for their members.

State associations and local societies are prompted to conduct meetings in a business-like manner and in accordance with their individual group by-laws, in order to acquaint their members with correct parliamentary procedure. The majority of these meetings should be followed by educational programs such as: speakers, clinics or essays.

We urge the promotion of a sound, well balanced program for every local society and state association, and encourage Program Committees to plan outlines in advance—for the entire year if possible. Typed, mimeographed or printed program copies may be submitted to this committee for entry in competition for the "Best Education Program Awards." (See January brochure sent to your Program Committee Chairman.)

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Pasadena City Schools, John Muir College, 1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, California

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University of Minnesota, Dental School, 57 Nicholson Hall, Minneapolis 4, Minn.

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Help Yourself

Edited by Janet Lindenberg

The denture patient will appreciate being informed of the value of canned baby foods to supplement his diet while learning to wear his new dentures. The vegetables, fruits and puddings are quite tasty.

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To prevent shock from injection of cold solution, remove a spray bottle from the heater and place cartridges in it. Set the temperature at near 98 degrees F as possible.

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When chip blowers are used instead of compressed air, a few drops of oil of peppermint inside the bulb will take away the rubber odor.

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A cotton roll will stay in place better, for anterior fitting, if a notched "V" is cut in the center to fit over the frenum.

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Tin foil placed over cemented bands and inlays hasten setting and help to keep a dry surface.

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Drill a small hole in the cap of a tube of cocoa-butter to allow only a small amount of material to escape at a time to avoid waste.

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Wrap the inhaler of the gas equipment in cellophane. Sterilize it for each patient.

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Zinc-oxide-eugenol paste can be kept plastic longer if placed in an empty celluloid capsule that held a crown form.

To prevent cavity lining and shellac bottle stoppers from sticking, clean stopper and neck of bottle with alcohol; then wipe with vaseline.

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Place a piece of absorbent cotton in the bottom of bottles containing caustic or staining medicines. Pour the medicine over the cotton until it is completely absorbed. If the bottle should tip over, no medicine will be spilled. The medicine is readily transferred to the cotton pellet by a slight pressure of the cotton pliers.

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Polishing strips with tapered ends are more convenient to use.

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Use paper cups and tongue depressors for mixing plaster. Both can be discarded.

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Engine belts will last longer if the tension is lessened over night, which can be done by shortening the arm of the engine.

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One-half of an ordinary size envelope with a small hole in one corner makes an excellent funnel when cleaning the mercury container.

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Ninety percent of unsatisfactory radiographs can be traced to exhausted solutions or incorrect temperatures.

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From Central Office Wires

To All Local Societies What is your rating in the ADAA NATION WIDE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN? Have all the prospects for new members which were forwarded to you by the State Membership Chairman been contacted? Do you have some new members as a result? Won't you make it a personal obligation for each member to invite an eligible assistant to your next meeting as your guest, so that she may meet the other assistants in your group, and see what a dental assistant meeting is like?

If your dues were not received in Central Office on or immediately after April 1st, you will not be getting the May-June issue of the Dental Assistant journal. That is the date the mailing list is revised and those names for whom renewals have not been received are removed. Also, if you have moved or changed your name, please notify this office directly. In that way, corrections can be made to the mailing list promptly. A new ADAA Directory of Officers will be issued during July or August. In order that it may be as accurate as possible, please see that the names and address of your current officers are reported both to the State Secretaries and to the ADAA Central Office.

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MEETINGS OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
<i>First District</i>				
Vermont	May 25-27 1958	Equinox House Manchester	Helen Carlson	3 Chestnut St. Brattleboro
New Hampshire	June 22-24 1958	Mountain View Hotel Whitefield	Gladys Pistrowski	231 Central St. Manchester
<i>Second District</i>				
New Jersey	May 20-21 1958	Atlantic City	Jane Reynolds	45 Church Street Montclair
<i>Third District</i>				
Ohio	Sept. 28— Oct. 1 1958	Sheraton-Gibson Hotel Cincinnati	Anna Carey	1331 W. Market St. Lima
Pennsylvania	May 21-23 1958	Penn-Harris Hotel	Marjorie Baernkopf	R. D. #1 Robesonia
<i>Fourth District</i>				
Florida	May 18-21 1958	Sorrento Hotel Miami Beach	Lillian Spears	3734 28th Ave. St. Petersburg
Georgia	Oct. 12-14 1958	Georgian Terrace Atlanta	Claire Williamson	310 Med. Arts Bldg. Atlanta
Mississippi	June 9-12 1958	Hotel Buena Vista Biloxi	Ruby Gaye Gist	P. O. Box 356 Iuka
<i>Fifth District</i>				
South Carolina	May 25-27 1958	Ocean Forest Hotel Myrtle Beach	Weita Coleman	1313 Marion St. Columbia
West Virginia	July 20-23 1958	Greenbriar Hotel White Sulphur Springs	Ruth Harris	1041 Fourth Ave. Huntington
<i>Sixth District</i>				
Indiana	May 18-24 1958	Washington Hotel Indianapolis	Lillie Hicks	510 N. 16th St. New Castle
<i>Ninth District</i>				
Idaho	June 16-19 1958	McCall	Ann Frey	130 Main Ave. N Twin Falls
<i>Tenth District</i>				
New Mexico	May 28-30 1958	Las Cruces	Phyllis Bode	1109 Alvarado Carlsbad
Utah	May 22-24 1958	Salt Lake City	Elois Welchman	1818 E. 21st South Salt Lake City
Colorado	Oct. 5-8 1958	Broadmoor Hotel Colorado Springs	Ilene Ketchum	3 South 8th Colorado Springs
<i>Eleventh District</i>				
No. California	April 19-22	Sir Francis Drake Hotel San Francisco	Dorothy Hodel	2163 108th Ave. Oakland
Nevada	June 21-25	Lake Tahoe Nevada	Sue Shaw	2305 Dune Drive Las Vegas
Hawaii	June 14-19	Honolulu, Hawaii	Jean Okamoto	1732 Skyline Drive Honolulu

Certification by Correspondence and Determination

By MARNA MCGINNIS, R.N., C. D. A., Hagerstown, Md.

Five thousand eighty-nine Dental Assistants can't be wrong! Why not be one of them? One method of doing so is by correspondence. There have been many questions put to me because I became certified by correspondence, and I feel my experience may offer encouragement to many girls to become certified and enable them to provide greater service to the profession of Dentistry.

The requirements for applicants are the same for a correspondence course as through an organized group course. (1) Graduate of high school or equivalent education, (2) member of the American Dental Assistant Association for at least one year, (3) employed in an ethical dental office for 2 or more years. The cost of the course is approximately the same—\$50.00 for textbook and materials

with an additional \$15.00 for Certification Examination fees. The correspondence course is particularly applicable to girls living too far from a group instruction center or to girls who cannot pursue formal training of one or more years in college. The course I studied was prepared by the faculty of the School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, with the assistance of the Committee on Education for Dental Assistants of the North Carolina Dental Society.

Prior to this course I had read Morrison's "In the Dental Office," the "Navy Handbook" and Levy's "Text-book for Dental Assistants" to stimulate my interest and give me as much background knowledge as possible. "The Efficient Dental Assistant" by Covington and "Dental Practice and Management" by

Post Convention Tour 1958

Once again we have arranged a fine tour to top off your Dallas Convention next November visiting Mexico. There will be two itineraries of 12 days each, one returning to Dallas, and another returning via New Orleans which will include two days in Yucatan. A special rate has been obtained which is fully explained in folder. Get your party up now and write us for folders.

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Swank are also recommended. My local library was very helpful in supplying this material.

There are several important and necessary objectives to complete this course. A definite schedule for study must be adopted and I adhered to the completion of at least one more-difficult lesson or two easier lessons each week. Thursday evenings and week-ends always found me at work. With 25 lessons in the course, I finished in 6 months which is about one-half the time of most formal study courses. Planning ahead is most important so that materials and items needed for future lessons will be on hand when needed. Planning is also imperative at completion of the course in order to have a Certification Examination available in your state within a short period of time. These examinations are given once a year in each state.

Because a correspondence course does not provide an instructor, a patient and understanding employer is almost a must. I was blessed with just such an employer and many hazy procedures and descriptions were clarified for me. I was also most fortunate in having a friendly and helpful laboratory technician who gave me his time in explaining prosthetic work.

While working on the course I attended the local Dental Assistants Society meetings and heard several good clinics and excellent speakers. I found myself carrying my large blue text book wherever I went and reading a paragraph or two while riding the bus, eating lunch or waiting during meetings. I would like to recommend one essential item while working on the course. A concise outline of important facts from each lesson before it is mailed for evaluation will be time-saving and valuable in reviewing for both final examination and certification examination.

When the 25 lessons had been completed, corrected and graded they were returned to the University of North Carolina prior to the final examination. For

my convenience, I was permitted to make arrangements with the Dean of the local Junior College to proctor my examination and it was mailed directly to him. A High School Principal also has this privilege.

Not knowing what to expect, I was prepared for a new type examination—true, false, completion, matching, etc. To my distress I found a written examination with many parts that had me writing for two and a half hours on thirteen sheets of paper. However, while long, it was not difficult as the material was well covered in the text and preparation was well founded. Now it became time to think of Certification as my goal. It is required that application be made 60 days in advance of a Certification Examination to the Secretary of the State Association, so that she can have it approved by the American Dental Assistants Association. I was glad to hear that one would be given at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, sponsored by the Maryland State Dental Assistants Association, within three months.

A very nervous girl in complete white regulation uniform journeyed sixty miles after a day in the office to join a group who had completed the Extension Study Course in 104 hours. I was the only one who had taken a correspondence course. Among the 18 assistants, I felt like a country cousin. The examination was 2 hours of written assignment and 2 hours of practical demonstration witnessed by three former instructors. I was relieved but exhausted when I left near midnight for the ride home.

Within 30 days I was notified that I had made the grade. I received the Certificate and the title that had become so important to me! It is my hope that these ideas and hints will be helpful to progressive dental assistants who are beginning the course, or stimulating for others who desire to advance but are reluctant to do so. There is a sense of accomplishment and achievement derived from completing the course that is equal only to the knowledge received.

Views of the NEWS

By OLIVE STEINBECK



*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success.—HENRY FORD*

FIRST DISTRICT

News from Rhode Island

June Altieri, Publicity Chairman, reports highlights of the seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island State Dental Assistants Association. Outstanding were clinics—"Mounting X-Rays," Blance Englehardt; "Dental Office Literature," Mary Erickson; "The Dental Assistant in Action," Frances Rochette; "Credits and Collections," Evelyn Forloni and "June in Dental Land," June Altieri. Essays—"My First Visit to The Dentist," Ruth Russell; "I Was A Six Year Molar," Lucy Campopiano; "The Child Patient," Roslyn Sexton; "The Dental Assistant," Blance Englehardt; "The Dental Assistant's Disposition, a Determining Factor in Doctor and Patient Relationship," Margie Grossi; "Happiness," Evelyn Forloni, and "The Dental Assistant," Georgette Ionata. Posters were also exhibited. Engraved Trophies were awarded to the outstanding presentations in each field. First District Trustee, Phyllis Jenkins, was elected Queen of the year! The meeting was climaxed with the installation of newly elected officers.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

Lee M. Taras reports the activities of this state—Richmond County Society will hear Dr. R. Jacobson speak on, "The Child Patient," at their May 7th meeting. Nassau County, First District, Brooklyn, Triple Cities and Syracuse Societies all announce elections and installation of officers through the month of May, while Elmira Society will follow through the month of June. Congratulations, New Yorkers! Looks like you have compiled 100% with the request for change of officers at the proper time of the year! New York reports the 8th Extension Study Course to be presented at the New York University Dental College, to get under way in September of this year.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

Toledo Society in March, heard Dr. Henry Cossitt, Orthodontist, speak on "Orthodontics" while in April, they had as guest speaker, Dr. Henry McWhorter, whose subject was, "Maxillo Facial Surgery." Their May meeting has been set aside for Clinic and Poster Night, following the election of officers. Stark County Society has an Extension Study Course in progress. April 15th was Poster and Clinic Night for this Society, with members of the Akron Society as guests. Also, in attendance at this meeting was the Advisory Council of the Stark County Dental Society, who served as judges. Columbus Society heard a lecture on, "Laboratory Techniques," in April and at their May Meeting will observe Clinic Night. Cleveland Society had an excellent program in April, when they met at the Hollenden Hotel, during the Cleveland Dental Society's Spring Meeting. Guest speaker, Dr. Irving Tapper, lectured on, "The Dental Assistant's Role in Pedodontics." The following clinics and exhibits were presented at this meeting, "Tray Set Up," Barbara Bradbury; "Helpful Hints," Mary Jane Brown; "The Pre and Post Operative Extraction Care," or "How To Stay Out of Trouble," Charlotte Grossman; "Quality Plus," Mary Frances Ilenin; "Making Minutes Count," Louise Tannerhill; "Is Your Patient Happy?," Mildred Taylor, and the ADAA Exhibit, Letty M. Klockner of the ADAA Clinics and Exhibit Committee.

News from Pennsylvania

Harrisburg Society reports a most interesting program at their April Meeting. Mr. M. B. Winegarden of the Bell Telephone Company, presented a film in color, with sound, titled "Hemo, The Magnificent." This is a film produced by Frank Capra on the circulatory system of the human body and has been shown on television. These members highly recommend that this material, available through the

Bell Telephone Company, as a program for meetings. Philadelphia Society members met at Temple University Dental School, in March to hear Dr. William J. Updegrave, Oral Roentgenologist of the X-Ray Department, lecture on "Control of Radiation in the Dental Office." The Erie County Society reports an Extension Study Course in progress with eighteen members enrolled. At the March meeting of the Pittsburgh Society, Mrs. Laura Williamson, teacher at the South Vocational High School, spoke on the subject, "A More Attractive You." She also brought several pupils with her to demonstrate different methods of hair styling and make-up—no wonder those Pittsburgh lassies are so good lookin' and so charmin'!

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Alabama

From Public Relations Chairman, Vivian Floyd, comes this fine report of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Dental Assistants Association held in April. Featured speakers were, Grace Browning of Birmingham, 4th District Trustee; Senator Richmond Flowers of Dothan, whose subject was "Can I Do a Better Job?"; H. T. McKinnon, Jr., D. D. S., "Hypnosis In Dentistry," and Mr. Robert Bradford, Representative of the Crutcher Dental Supply Company, "The Conservation of Time." A skit, "Miss Right and Miss Wrong Dental Assistant," was given by Ellen Walker and Jeannie Pate, giving variety to the program and emphasizing the essential duties and responsibilities of the Assistant. Clinics, essays and Poster Exhibit were also a part of the meeting. The Annual Banquet, portraying "Stars Fell on Alabama," honoring President Bonnie Franklin, the awarding of trophies and the installation of officers, climaxed this wonderful meeting. WELCOME to a NEW Society in Alabama—Gadsden Society with fourteen charter members! Happy to have you as members of the 'family' and we shall look forward to hearing from this Society. Good luck to those Assistants reported to be among those who will take the examination in May, from Montgomery, Mobile and Birmingham. Thanks for the fine report, Viv—shall look forward to future news!

News from Florida

Hi! from the 'Miami Peapickers'—says Ed-die Joyce Geyer, in her fine report of happenings in Miami. Our Betty Macy is now with the Miami Dental Art Laboratory and also part time for Butler Tooth Brush Company. Many good wishes and congratulations to Elizabeth Mersereau on her recent retirement. Elizabeth, better known to her many friends as "Mercy" has been a dental assistant for forty years—the past thirty-two she has been associated with Dr. Thomas Cook of Miami.

Twenty-three members are enrolled in the Extension Study Course now in progress, with Margaret McCarthy, Local and State Education Chairman, directing the activities of this Course. On April 7th, Miami District Society held their Annual Installation Banquet, with Doctors, friends and members of their families as guests. In recent months a Capping Ceremony was held in Palm Beach with eight members receiving their caps from Dr. M. Lee Toothman, Educational Director. This event was held in the Howes Auditorium of the Good Samaritan Hospital. At the conclusion of this ceremony, a check was presented to Mr. William Hardee of the hospital, from the Society in appreciation for the use of the Nurses Study Hall during the eighteen months the Course was in progress. (Sorry—no listing of names!) New officers were installed at the March meeting of the Palm Beach Society. From Florida State President, Bobbie Oxar, the report of three NEW Societies—Lake City, Sara Mana and Polk County Societies—we extend a BIG WELCOME to each and shall look forward to hearing of your activities. State Membership Chairman, Treva Burkle and Co-Chairman, Ruth Brush—bouquets to you for this fine work! Bobbie extends a warm invite to anyone down Florida way May 18-21, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association at the Sorrento Hotel on Miami Beach.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Virginia

During the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Dental Assistants Association May 4-7 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, the Richmond Society served as hostesses. Moselle Comer, Fifth District Trustee of Portsmouth, Virginia, was the honor guest at this meeting. The Richmond Society continues its project of assisting local dentists in administering dental treatment to underprivileged children at the William Byrd Community House. At recent meetings of the Tidewater Society, members have been privileged to hear Mr. J. McMahon, FBI Officer, with his subject, "The Value of Dental Charts in Law Enforcement" and a movie sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Breast—Self Examination." A series of interesting programs are reported from the Lynchburg Society—"Quick Repairs In The Office" by Beatrice Hawkins; a film, "Dental Assistants and Their Effective Utilization," shown by Doris Brown and a discussion program on, "Collections and Recalls," led by Ann Morris and Oleta Peters.

News from West Virginia

Since last issue Huntington Society held a Capping Service with five members being capped. Peggy LaLance, Immediate Past President of the State Association presided at this

meeting with Dr. Brooke Drake presenting the Certificates and Irene Tobin making the presentation of Caps. Members of the Huntington Dental Society, the Dental Auxiliary and the Ashland Dental Assistants Society of Ashland, Kentucky, were guests at this meeting. Wheeling District Society reports a fine series of speakers for meetings this year—Dr. Robert Nawman, speaking on "Ethics"—Dr. C. E. Smith, topic, "How We Manage Our Office"—Dr. Roy Green, speaking on, "Problems With Children" and "Mixing Synthetics, Porcelain, etc." This Society is conducting an extensive membership drive. Blennerhassett Society also reports outstanding speakers—Dr. J. F. Johnson, with topic, "The Hydro-Colloid Technique"—Dr. W. J. Swearingham, President of the Blennerhassett Dental Society, spoke to this group, using as his subject, "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Patient Education." "Know Your By Laws" night was held by this Society at one of their recent meetings with members participating in the discussion. Several members from the Kanawha Valley Society will be reporting to take examination for Certification in May—Good luck, girls. State President, Lillian Cunningham of Harrisville reports a wonderful and pleasant time on her visits with the Component Societies throughout the state. In April the State Association held a Spring Seminar in Parkersburg with the Huntington Society serving as hostesses for this meeting.

News from Tennessee

Memphis Society reports their usual good meetings with interesting speakers. At a recent meeting, Dr. Frederick H. Knox, guest speaker, lectured on, "Advances in Cardiology." At their Clinic Night meeting, five clinics were presented with Marie Crane winning first place with her presentation, "Dental Assisting in Prosthetics." Members were also guests of the Memphis Dental Society and had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Galen Quinn speak on "Pedodontics in General Practice." At this same meeting, a Capping Ceremony was held for twelve newly Certified Assistants, with Dr. Thomas Keeton presenting the Certificates and Naoma Taggart presenting the Caps. Chattanooga Society met with Third District Dental Society for their Capping Ceremony at the Hotel Patton. State President, Clara Blackwell made the presentation of Caps and each Assistants employer presented their Certificates. Six members received this recognition.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

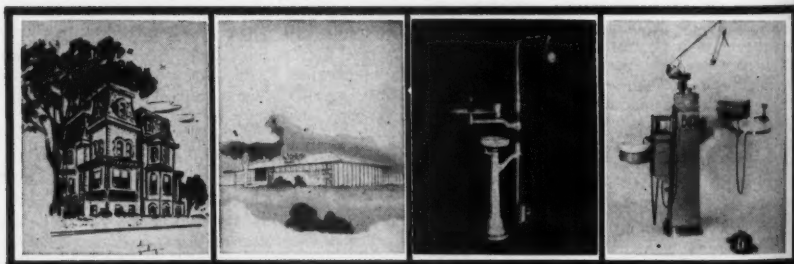
Centralia Society came forth with a good idea—they desire to get an Extension Study Course underway, so they invited the Dentists to meet with them at their March meeting and

a presentation of a preview of the Study Course was made. (We hope you'll soon be reporting results!) Guest speaker for this meeting was Dr. H. O. Hancock from Salem, Illinois. At the March meeting of the Chicago Society, Dr. Stanley D. Buckner presented a lecture, "The Psychological and Philosophical Approach to Human Relations in Dentistry." In April, Dr. Graham O. Davies met with this group with lecture subject, "Legal Considerations in Dentistry." The South Side Branch had the pleasure of hearing Dr. P. B. Christensen speak on "Rehabilitation of the Mouth"—North Side Branch had a dinner meeting with Mrs. B. Smith giving a very interesting talk on "Detection of Cancer" for their March meeting while in April they observed Clinic Night for their members. The West Suburban Branch had Dr. Thomas Barber for their guest speaker, with the unusual subject "The Dentist Takes a Look at Himself." The Chicago Association has twenty-two Assistants enrolled in their seventh Extension Study Course. For the March meeting of the Decatur Society, Winona Smith and Charlotte Bergbower, members, presented the program for the evening—"Impressions and Models." Fox Valley Society enjoyed a tour of the University of Illinois Dental and Medical Schools in Chicago. The four Assistants working in the Dental School served as guides and hostesses to this group. Eastern Illinois Society members were the guests of the Underwood Dental Laboratory at a dinner and lecture at the Hotel U. S. Grant in Mattoon. Mr. Ray Zepp, Representative of the Jelenko Gold Company gave a clinic and lecture pertaining to "Gold Inlay Techniques." April found Juanita Little, President of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association visiting with this group. Dr. R. H. Griffiths of Charleston, Illinois, was guest speaker with topic "Patient Education." This Society reports their second Extension Study Course in progress with nine Assistants enrolled. McClean County Society celebrated their fifth year of organization at their March meeting and enjoyed a lecture by Mrs. J. E. Caudell from the McClean County Cancer Society and presentation of film on the subject of "Cancer." Before the close of the meeting, members prepared 100 bandages for the Cancer Society. Peoria Society members were privileged to hear Dr. L. B. McEwen at their March meeting. His subject being "Children's Dentistry." Quincy Society members were visited at their March meeting by a Representative from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, who gave a fine program on voice tone and courtesy in using the telephone. Miss Geraldine Dillon, Executive Secretary of the Adams Company Chapter presented a film on "Oral Cancer." The mem-

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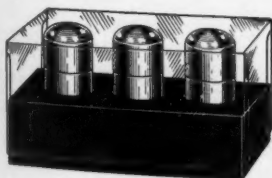
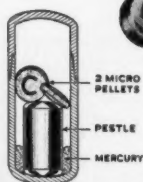
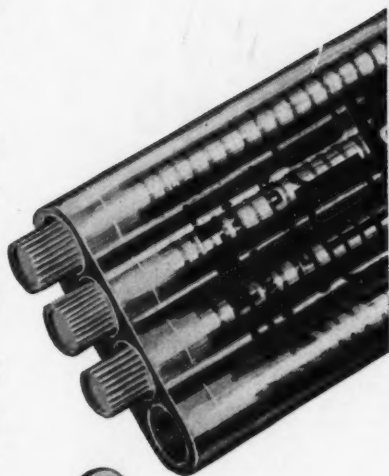
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NEWS—Continued

bers of the Rockford Society have been quite busy these past few months—they were hostesses at the Spring Meeting of the Illinois Dental Assistants Association—in March, Mrs. M. R. Patrick, Speech Therapist, was guest speaker, while in April they enjoyed a style show presented by Mrs. Lillian Cavatais. At another meeting Mrs. Virginia Rees, spoke on "Interior Decorating in the Dental Office." On April 23rd under the sponsorship of their Advisor, Mrs. Robert Huggins, the members made a trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to visit the X-Ray Department of the General Electric Company. They were Luncheon guests of Mr. F. Strouf of the G. E. Company. March found the Rock Island Society members busy at work on their project of promoting the sale of Easter Seals to benefit the Rock Island County Crippled Children's Home. In April, their election of officers and clinical projects given by the local Dental Laboratories. At a recent meeting of Springfield Society, members were privileged to hear Dr. H. N. Barnes lecture on "Oral and Facial Lesions." Helen Knoedler, member of the Springfield Society was guest speaker to a group of Dental Assistants in the Jacksonville vicinity. Her theme was "The Modern Dental Assistant." The March meeting of the Western Illinois Society was held in Bushnell with Dr. Robert F. Barclay of Macomb as guest speaker. At a recent dinner meeting Charlene Ershman of Bushnell presented a film on "What's New in Equipment and Methods." The Spring Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association was held in Rockton, Illinois, at the Wagon Wheel Lodge. Featured speakers for the meeting were: Dr. Howard V. Redmann of Rockford on "Whozit and Whatzit in Root Canal Therapy"—Laura Willard, 6th District Trustee, on "Parliamentary Procedure" and Mrs. Ruth Huggins of the Rovane Dental Supply Company of Rockford on "You—The Income Stabilizer." Also, speaking at the meeting (and I know it was about membership!) was Janet Lindenberg, Chairman of the ADAA Membership Committee. Many thanks to Marjorie Watkins and Audrey Hacker, Publicity Chairmen of Illinois for this fine report!

News from Indiana

Evansville Society members enjoyed entertaining their employers at their Annual Bosses Night Dinner in the Empire Room of the Vendome Hotel. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Bish Thompson, Columnist of the Evansville Press and 1937 winner of the Ernie Pyle Award. His topic was "Voice of The Angel." Also, at a recent monthly meeting they were privileged to hear Dr. Walter J.

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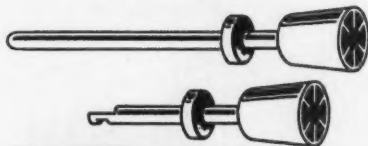
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Missouri

At recent meetings of the Joplin Society, members have been privileged to hear Mr. Dean Lippert, Dental Technician, on "The Dental Laboratory and The Assistant"—Dr. R. D. Korns, Periodontist, on "Preservation and Correction of Primary Teeth," with slides used for illustration. With the Southeast Society members having Dr. John Doggett of Sikeston speak on "Fundamental Concepts of Dentistry" and at another meeting Mrs. Eileen Tetley, Chief Dietian of the Dietetic Service of the VA Hospital, using as her subject "Basic Nutrition."

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Oregon

The Oregon State Dental Assistants held their Annual Meeting in Portland, March 3-5. Honored guests at this meeting were Elma Troutman, President Elect of the ADAA, and Doris Arisman, Ninth District Trustee.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Colorado

Denver Society reports a most active membership campaign. Membership Chairman Betty Campbell reports 34 new applications with activity in this direction continuing. At a recent Board of Directors meeting a decision was reached, establishing an Advanced Study Group for Certified Dental Assistants. A trial period session got under way in March with Major Baldwin of Lowry Air Force Base, instructing in Oral Surgery and Anesthesia. Sessions held in April and May will be attended by those members who will be taking the examination for Certification in May. If these trial sessions prove successful, Denver will resume this Advanced Study Group in the Fall. Sounds like a marvelous idea for continued study. On March 7 and 8, the Dental Specialty Company and Rinn Company presented an X-Ray Seminar at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Lectures and slides were presented in a three hour clinic on Chair Procedure, Dark Room Processing and Dangers and Hazards of Radiation. At the March meeting Dr. Albert Miller was guest speaker with the topic, "Orthodontics." A film was also shown by the Messengill Company representatives, Mr. E. D. Nelson and Mr. L. L. Jenkins. At their April meeting, Denver Assistants entertained their employers at the Annual Bosses Night Dinner.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from Northern California

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NEWS—Continued

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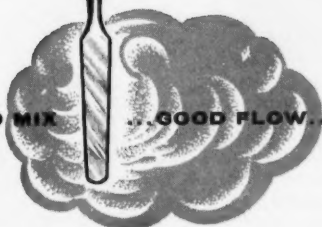
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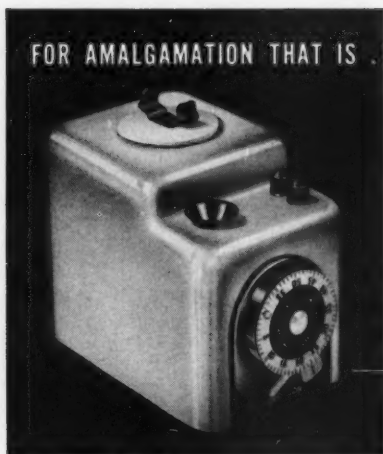
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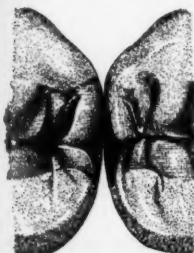
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DWG. A: Contact too broad occluso-lingually.



DWG. B: Bucco-lingual contact area too broad.



DWG. C: Bucco-lingual contact area normal.

Contact areas

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In Drawing A of the mesio-distal section, for example, the contact is too broad in the occluso-lingual dimension, and stringy foods are apt to be caught and held.

The occlusal view in Drawing B shows a broad bucco-lingual contact area that prevents food from scouring the embrasures as it would, for example, in Drawing C where the contact is a normal one.

Drawing C, showing the normal contact area, obviously allows food to sweep into the embrasures which are so shaped as to provide a sluice-way effect with resulting tissue stimulation and self-cleansing action.

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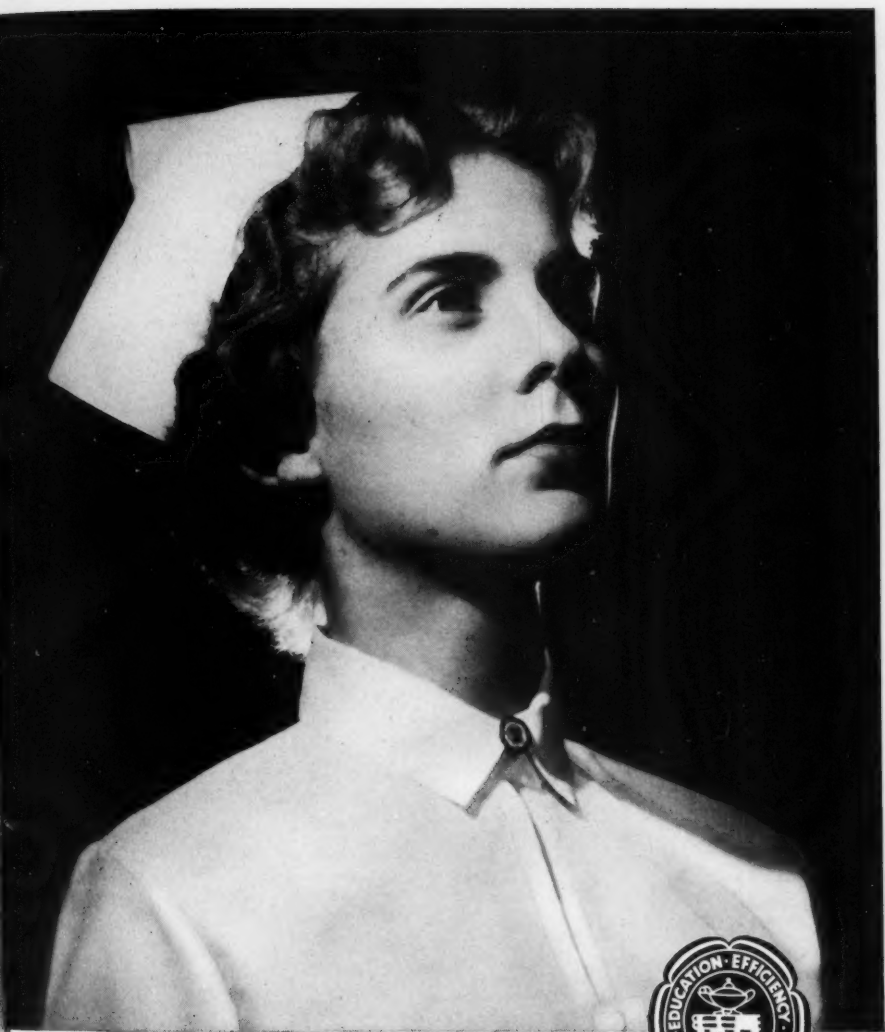


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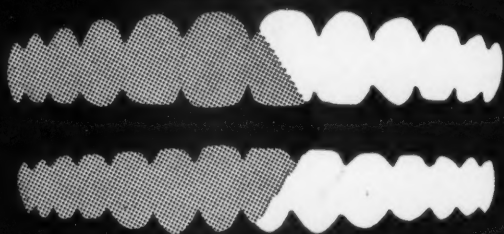


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